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SUBJECT: LOS: MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

REF. STATE 183452

1. REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO YOU CONTAINS AMENDMENTS TO
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THE ICNT RELATING TO MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MSR).
EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THESE AMENDMENTS WITH
THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS (SEE PARA 3) OR OTHER APPRO-
PRIATE LOS OFFICIALS AND TO DELIVER WITH THEM THE
FOLLOWING PERSONAL ORAL MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR ELLIOT
RICHARDSON.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES IS FAR FROM SATISFIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ICNT FOR THE CONDUCT OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE REASONS FOR OUR DISSATISFACTION ARE WELL KNOWN TO YOU, AND WE NEED NOT LABOR THEM AT THIS TIME. WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CONFERENCE DOES NOT SHARE OUR VIEW-POINT. WE HAVE THEREFORE ACQUIESCED IN THE CONCEPT OF COASTAL STATE CONSENT, BUT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE IT IS DESIRABLE, AND POSSIBLE, TO IMPROVE AND CLARIFY THE RELEVANT PARTS OF THE ICNT WITHOUT DISTURBING THE

OVERALL BALANCE NOW REFLECTED IN THE NEGOTIATING TEXT. TO THIS END WE HAVE DEVELOPED WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE U.S. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY CERTAIN AMENDMENTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE THE TEXT MORE WORKABLE AND REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF DISPUTES BETWEEN THE COASTAL STATE AND THE RESEARCHING STATE. PLEASE REVIEW THESE AMENDMENTS WITH TWO CRITERIA IN MIND: (A) DO THEY CLARIFY THE INTENT OF THE PRESENT PROVISIONS OF THE ICNT AND (B) DO THEY ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE COASTAL STATE AND THE RESEARCHING STATE WITHIN A FRAMEWORK CONDUCIVE TO INCREASING THE KNOWLEDGE NEEDED BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. WE ARE PRESENTING THESE AMENDMENTS INFORMALLY TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS TO ENABLE US TO GUAGE THE PROSPECTS FOR THEIR GAINING CONSENSUS AT THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE CON-
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REFERENCE. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR STUDYING THESE AMENDMENTS GIVING ME YOUR REACTION AT AN EARLY CONVENIENT DATE.

I CANNOT EMPHASIZE TOO STRONGLY THE IMPORTANCE MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO IMPROVING AND CLARIFYING THE MSR PARTS OF THE ICNT AND HOPE I CAN COUNT ON YOU, COOPERATION AT NEW YORK TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE FOR THEM.
END TEXT.

3. AUSTRALIA: EMBASSY CANBERRA IS REQUESTED TO RAISE AMENDMENTS WITH A SENIOR LOS OFFICIAL AS KEITH BRENNAN IS HOSPITALIZED IN BERN.

--BULGARIA: YANKOV

--CANADA: BEESLEY

--MEXICO: CASTANEDA--PLEASE NOTE IN THE DISCUSSION WITH HIM THAT THESE AMENDMENTS LARGELY INCORPORATE THE COMPROMISE WORKED OUT ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE CASTANEDA GROUP AT THE SIXTH SESSION, ALTHOUGH

IN SOME RESPECTS GOING BEYOND IT. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON
PLACES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO HAVING HIS SUPPORT
FOR THEM.

--FRG: WOLFF--SINCE THE FRG HOLDS THE PRESIDENCY OF THE
EC PLEASE NOTE THAT AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WOULD WELCOME
ACTIVE FRG SUPPORT AMONG THE NINE FOR THE AMENDMENTS.
K.: ARCULUS

--SINGAPORE: KOH.
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